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Carslogie Steamship Co Ltd v Royal Norwegian Government [1952] is a [House of Lords judgment](#) on [English tort law](#). The case examines whether a negligent act that causes loss is also to be considered as the proximate cause of further subsequent loss.

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On 26 November 1949 the vessel *Heimgar*, while under [time charter](#) to the [Ministry of Transport](#), suffered damage in a collision with the *Carslogie*. It was admitted that the *Carslogie* was solely to blame. Temporary repairs to the *Heimgar* were effected in England before she departed to the United States, where permanent repairs were to be carried out. During the Atlantic crossing, the ship sustained storm damage, which necessitated further repair. The *Heimgar* was in dock for fifty days whilst repairs were carried out for both the collision damage and the storm damage. It had been agreed that ten days would be allocated to the collision repair and thirty days for the weather damage. The owners of the *Heimgar* claimed damages for the ten days in port attributable to the collision damage.

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The owners of the *Carslogie* were held liable only for the loss suffered by the *Heimgar* which was a direct result of the collision with the *Carslogie*. The House of Lords held that the storm was a [novus actus interveniens](#) that broke the chain of [causation](#).^[1] The defendant was not liable for any subsequent loss that arose from the storm encounter.

This House of Lords decision was referred to in [Jobling v. Associated Dairies](#) [1982] AC 794.

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Citation(s)	[1952] AC 292, [1952] 1 All ER 20, [1951] 2 Lloyd's Rep 441, 95 Sol Jo 801, [1951] 2 TLR 1099
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Court membership	
Judge(s) sitting	Viscount Jowitt , Lord Normand , Lord Morton of Henryton , Lord Tucker , Lord Asquith of Bishopstone
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